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The Hawaii Bicycling League supports and appreciates TheBus for being bicycle-friendly. Having the ability to load 2-3 bicycles on each bus allows many people to get around with bus and bike combinations and no cars. TheBus for long rides, and TheBike for short rides.

This great transportation service is already heavily subsidized. Users pay less than 35% of what it costs to operate. With one annual bus pass that costs \$660 per year, for example, a person can avoid car costs of upwards of \$4,000 per year. Put in monthly terms, could you operate a car for the cost of a \$60 per month bus pass?

TheBus currently provides a great deal for bicyclists who are allowed to carry more on the bus than the general passenger.

Therefore, we do not support Bill 7. We are hopeful the bill proponents will find other ways to encourage more bicyclists to use the bus with bicycles because doing so is great for a person's wallet, health, and contribution to a better environment.

Go Bus! Go Bikes!

Thank you for introducing this bill so more people can become aware of how good the bus and bike combination can be.

We also hope bill proponents will support the City's efforts to add more bike lanes so that more people will feel safe to bike and bus.

Ride Aloha! Drive Aloha! Chad Taniguchi, Executive Director

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